

Next Sunday:

Pentecost

Announcements/Notices

Confirmation Class this Sunday at 3p.m. the 16th May on Zoom.

Marriage Course Last week of the course on Friday on Zoom!

Christian Aid Week The Rev Tony Murphy will be walking into our parish on the 22nd of May as part of his Diocesan Burundi Project - 100kms in May across the dioceses, for Christian Aid. If you wish to donate <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/walking4burundi>

Thank you to all that participated in our Christian Aid Walk on Tuesday and to those that contributed treats. The total raised so far is €1,110. It was a lovely bright sunny morning in Rabbit Island! We are planning another walk on the 8th June. Details to follow.

Templebreedy Church Choir Our choir are meeting on Zoom each Monday evening 7.30pm. You would be very welcome to join! Let us know.

United Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross Vacancy for a New Part-time Post of Diocesan Media & Information Technology Office . For full information including details of key responsibilities, please email: secretary@corkchurchofireland.com. Closing date for receipt of applications 24th May 2021

POSTAL SERVICE SHEET available– Contact Revd. Isobel to add you to the POSTAL list. Tel. 4831236/087 7435424

Morning Prayer

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings for the Feast of the Ascension



Nohoval Church

&

Holy Trinity Church

16th May 2021

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Greeting

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Welcome back to church

As we come into God's presence today in this place, as a community again we want to praise him!

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God. **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Psalms 100

Acclamation at the re-opening of a building for public worship

How awesome is this place. **This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.**

I saw a ladder which rested on the ground with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were going up and down it. **This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.**

You will see greater things than this. You will see heaven wide open, and God's angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.

You are the temple of the living God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you. The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven.

in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wondering eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of life
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you;
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord;
thanks be to God.

A Prayer of Blessing

May the God known of old in clouds of glory,
and the Christ who suffered and rose from the dead,
at one with the Spirit who guides and inspires us,
make us faithful witnesses to the truth;
and the blessing of God all-loving,
creator, redeemer, sustainer,
be with us all today and for evermore. **Amen.**

6. Crown him the lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

*Matthew Bridges (1800-1904)
and Godfrey Thring (14823-1903) alt.
based on Revelation 19:12*

8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

10While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

11They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Equip us to work in your service, **and build up your body on earth.**

Merciful Father accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn 263 Crown him with many crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake my soul and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

3.Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above,

A prayer of approach

Almighty God, we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you in this house of prayer: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; and be your witnesses, stirred into action by your Holy Spirit in our lives, for the sake of your people and to your greater glory. through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

We remain seated and listen / hum to the hymn

Hymn 643 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

1.Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2.Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

3.Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

4.Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance through all my days;
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5. High King of heaven, when the battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun,
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Early Irish

A prayer of confession

We confess to you that we are often selfish and don't love others:
fill us with your spirit.
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

We confess to you that we are often afraid to tell others about you:
fill us with your spirit.
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

We confess to you that sometimes we
don't trust you: fill us with your spirit.
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

Forgive the lack of worship in our lives. We are often irritable and self-centred. Today, your day of glory, draw us to yourself. Accept and heal and empower us. Draw us into your life and your work so that we may draw others, too, to love and praise and live for you. **Amen.**

The Collect

Grant, we pray, Almighty God,
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ
to have ascended into the heavens;
**so we in heart and mind may also ascend
and with him continually dwell;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading~ Luke 24: 44-53

A reading from the Gospel of St Luke

44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,
46 and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,
47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these things.
49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'
50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.
52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;
53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Interlude-"Air on a G String" by J S Bach (Crosshaven)

Second Reading ~Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the book of Acts

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me;

5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'

7 He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.'